



TRI-STATE

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HELD 18, SEPTEMBER 2017
AT DISTRICT #3.**

The meeting was called to order at 1830 hours by Trustee Habercoss. On roll call: Trustee Habercoss, Trustee Wolski, Trustee Scarpelli, Chief Niemeyer, Deputy Chief Brenn, Attorney Wargo and Adm. Asst. Radek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes was tabled.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Trustee Wolski presented the August 2017 Treasurer's Report. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to accept the August 2017 Treasurer's Report, Trustee Wolski seconded the motion. Motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, Scarpelli – Aye. 3-0-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Discussions were held regarding NorComm for wireless monitoring of our own alarms for equipment in the District. Tri-State has lost revenue when we no longer monitored commercial alarms in the District. Currently we could recapture 900 alarms plus the ability to monitor all stations. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to authorize the board president to sign subject to final approval per attorney. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, Scarpelli – Aye, 3-0-0.

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IV. FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Director of Fire Prevention Link asked the board to consider hiring up to 3 part-time fire inspectors to help with plan reviews. Previously what had been a 3 month turn around, is now a 3-day turn around. With the additional staff we can increase our monthly inspection number with a goal of 166 per month to stay current. We would like to hire one part-time inspector for each shift, might include some weekend work and some night.

We need to put an ad in the local paper for 1-3 people. We currently have 2000 properties which require annual inspections. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to authorize the chief to advertise and hire 3 part time fire inspectors to be assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau. Trustee Scarpelli seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – aye, Wolski – Aye, Scarpelli – Aye, 3-0-0.

Steinmart is hoping to open around October 12 and Pete's in late November. Fire Prevention Bureau will be offering a Knox Box loan program.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Westmont thanked Tri-State for our involvement at Crusin Night. Downers Grove has asked us to participate in the Annual Silent parade on October 13. The Town of Cicero is looking for participation on October 8 to honor fire fighters. We would need to have volunteers and an extra rig to be able to participate. Anyone willing to volunteer should contact their BC.

VII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Commissioners presented the chief's and board with their Year in Review. There were significant accomplishments with testing, promotions, swearing in ceremonies. We are going to begin the process to hire 3 new firefighters. We are also beginning the Lieutenant testing process as the current list has run out. The test should occur mid-December. We would like to implement a reimbursement policy for gear for any individual who leaves within their first 2 years. This reimbursement would include gear and training expenses.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Two bid packets were picked up for a New Pumper Truck for Tri-State and only one packet was returned. Pierce has a stock vehicle, if we pre-pay it would be \$ 508,971, if not it would be \$ 523,500. During Phase 1, Station 4 would have the opportunity to make moderate modifications. Firefighter Kramer informed the board that St. 4 personnel would like the opportunity to request a side compartment for EMS on the exterior and to see if the vehicle could be 5-6 feet shorter to accommodate all the “tight spots” in the District. Trustee Habercoss would like to table moving forward until we can see what Pierce can do to move the EMS compartment on the outside of the rig and discuss reducing the length of the vehicle. Trustee Habercoss made a motion to table the purchase of a new Pumper Truck until we contact Pierce. Trustee Wolski seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, Scarpelli – Aye, 3-0-0.

IGA – Willow Springs & Tri-State FPD, currently the A/C unit needs repair. The mayor would like 3 quotes to repair the unit as Willow Springs is still the owner of the facility. Assured Air, Ajax Heating and Wicevic have all been contacted to receive quotes.

Former chief badges – Deputy Chief Gergits turned in 5 badges, Deputy Chief Just turned in 1 and Chief Mancione turned in 1. The board would like a comprehensive list of badge purchases from 2012 to the present and will review options to retrieve badges.

We are slowly changing the style of badges used by the department. Currently the Battalion Chiefs have received their new badges and their Class A uniforms are up to date. Each new hire receive their new badges once they complete their one year probation period. Next the lieutenants will receive their new badges at the same time their Class A uniforms are updated. Once the lieutenants have all received their new badges the firefighters will received their new badge by seniority.

IX. CHIEF’S REPORT

Negotiations are on-going. The District has attended Safety meetings at schools throughout the District.

Educational Center for Autistic Children has opened. The center welcomes anyone wishing to receive a tour.

We received a table at Darienfest again this year.

North Palos has reached out regarding service near the Little Red School House. The county has inventoried the Mass Casualty trailers on behalf of MABAS.

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CHIEF'S REPORT cont.

On September 11, many of our personnel attended a breakfast at our Lady of Peace in honor of all firefighters and police officers.

529 will be going out for body work

Terri attended a conference for IFSAP – Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals in Normal, Illinois.

X. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The state was considering a consolidation statute to get rid of townships but the bill was vetoed. Pension reform is currently a huge topic in Springfield.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Habercoss made a motion to move into closed session at 1940 hours, Trustee Scarpelli seconded the motion, motion approved by roll call vote, Habercoss – Aye, Wolski – Aye, Scarpelli - Aye. 3-0-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further matters before the board, Trustee Habercoss made a motion to adjourn the Open Session Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Wolski, 2-0-0. Meeting adjourned hours.

Submitted by Trustee Scarpelli
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

